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SUBJ: END OF ARIANA AFGHAN AIRLINE STRIKE

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO G. ERSKINE RICE, VICE
PRESIDENT, AIRLINE SERVICES, PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS, NEW
YORK, TEL: (212) 973-4015, FROM BILL WALLACE, EXECUTIVE VICE
PRESIDENT, ARIANA AFGHAN AIRLINES:

2. QUOTE: REF MY TELEX RE ARIANA PILOT STRIKE, PLEASED TO ADVISE
DIFFERENCES SETTLED AFTER TWO DAYS OF FLIGHT CANCELLATIONS,
AND SERVICE BEING RESTORED TO NORMAL AS OF AUGUST 14. ACTION
WAS SPONTANEOUS RESULTING FROM DISMISSAL OF ONE FLIGHT STEWARD
AND SUSPENSION OF CAPTAIN BY PRESIDENT. IN RETALIATION, FLIGHT
CREWS REFUSED TAKE FLIGHTS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 12 AND PRESENTED
DEMAND FOR REINSTATEMENT INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED PLUS OTHER
GRIEVANCES OF LONG-STANDING DURATION. ATTEMPTS AT MEDIATION
THROUGH DR. KHALIQ, ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE AIR AUTHORITY,
WERE UNSUCCESSFUL WITH BOTH SIDES TO THE DISPUTE REMAINING
ADAMANT IN THEIR POSITIONS. ON AUGUST 13 EMERGENCY MEETING OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSISTING OF THREE AFGHAN BOARD MEMBERS
AND MYSELF CHAIRED BY DR. KALIKYAR, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE,
WAS CONVENED. AFTER LONG DISCUSSIONS WITH ALL PARTIES,
COMPROMISE SOLUTION WAS PROPOSED BY BOARD AND ACCEPTED BY ALL
CONCERNED. HOWEVER, CONCURRENT WITH ACCEPTANCE, PRESIDENT
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SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION WHICH HE HAD SAID HE WOULD DO IF
BOARD AGREED TO COMPROMISE. IN CLOSED SESSION, HIS RESIGNATION
WAS NOT ACCEPTED AND THROUGH PERSUASION OF BOARD MEMBERS, WAS
EVENTUALLY WITHDRAWN. WE ARE NOW IN PROCESS OF WORKING OUT
OUR PROBLEMS AND REINSTATING BACKLOGGED OPERATION. BEST
REGARDS, WALLACE. UNQUOTE.
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